

MINUTES OF JUNE 30, 1917.

The Board of Public Works of Maryland met at the office of the Governor, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, June 30th, 1917, there being present the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury and the State Treasurer.

The matter of clearing the camp site at Camp Meade was taken up by the Board together with The Adjutant General, Major Proctor, U. S. A., Major W. W. Crosby, M. N. G., and Attorney General Ritchie, the site of fifteen hundred acres to be cleared, grubbed and Removed in pursuance of the letter of the Governor to the War Department, dated June 18, 1917, as follows:

Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:- I enclose herewith certified copy of Bill desired. The State will begin clearing the fifteen hundred acres after receiving proper notice from the Constructing Quartermaster of the National Army Division Camp at Annapolis Junction, as may be designated by him, and will undertake to complete the clearing of same of all trees, brush, stumps and fences within thirty days, and the balance of the four thousand acres on or before September 1st, 1917.

Very truly yours.

Attention of Lieut.

Emerson C. Harrington.

Colonel F. H. Lawton.

Major Proctor stated that he proposed, so far as possible, to save all trees of five inches or over, in diameter.

Bids were invited for clearing the Cantonment Site of about 1200 acres, work to be done subject to the approval of the Adjutant General and to be completed on or before August 1, 1917. Satisfactory bond to be furnished by the bidder.

The following bids were received and considered:

Sidney C. Jones & Co., 1031 Munsey Building, Baltimore, \$140.00 per acre, or, proposal to do the work at actual cost plus 10%, the State to furnish all small tools and to pay for the use of the machinery owned by the bidder. (See bid filed under "Bids")

Claiborne, Johnson & Co., 910 Garrett Building, Baltimore, cost plus 10% the State to furnish all small tools and pay a rental price for bidder's machinery used. Or cost plus 15% the State to pay rental on bidder's machinery used. (See bid)

The John Waters Building Co., 23 E. Centre St., Baltimore, No specific bid. (See bids)

Morrow Brothers, 1201 Fidelity Building, Baltimore, ten per centum of the net cost of all expense necessary to complete this work in a satisfactory manner. (See bids)

J. Spence Howard, 12 E. Lexington Street, Baltimore, actual cost including cost of tools, explosives and materials plus 4%.

Kefauver & McLauran, Equitable Building, Baltimore, No specific bid. Per Centage. (See bids)

The Fisher & Carozza Bros. Co., 224 E. Biddle Street, Baltimore, \$135.00 per acre for the 1200 acres and \$150.00 per acre for the acreage to be finished in 30 days, or per centage basis.

Culpepper & Co., 22 E. Lexington Street, Baltimore, \$97.50 ^{hour} per acre and fill everything to be filled for 35¢ per year. Subsequent bid for grubbing, clearing and removing all timber and brush \$27.50 per acre.

On motion the Board decided to advertise for sale and issue \$250,000.00 of the State's 4% one year obligations as authorized by the Legislature of 1917 for war emergency purposes, and unanimously adopted a resolution of authority therefor.

The Comptroller requested that he be permitted to settle the following claims of the State vs the following: R. Lee Waller, settlement for \$100.00; Sheriff W. A. Maffett, settlement for \$245.88. Permission granted.

Treasurer John M. Dennis reported the purchase of \$20,000.00 Liberty Loan Bonds from the funds of the State Industrial Accident Commission, as requested in the Commission's letter to the Board dated June 12, 1917, said purchase having been made under the authority contained in Section 25, Chapter 800, Acts of 1914, and duly authorized to be purchased by the Board.

Letter from the State Industrial Accident Commission requesting the Board to pass an Order directing the State Auditor to audit the books of the commission, read and the audit ordered.

Letter read from Treasurer John M. Dennis relating to the rental value of Pier 8 Light Street, Baltimore, and Mr. Dennis was requested to confer with the Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic Railway on the matter of the use of the wharf at Claiborne for a ferry.

Letter of the International Harvester Company, dated June 12, 1917, relating to the payment of its bill for tractors for the House of Correction and Insane Asylum, read but no action taken thereon.

The bill of the Baltimore Scale Repair Company, for repairs to the scales at the Western Hay Scales, for \$50.00, was considered and the Secretary was directed to ascertain from what account the same should be paid, and report to the next meeting.

The bill of Meyer & Thalheimer for \$53.67 for supplies to the Board of Public Works was considered and referred to Mr. Hardy for explanation and report to the next meeting of the Board.

The bill for \$2,757.22 and letter of the Consolidated Coal Company for furnishing coal to the State, were read and ordered sent to the comptroller for payment.

The State Auditor's report on the audit of the books of John Pleasants, Clerk of the Circuit Court No. 2. of Baltimore City, was read and ordered filed.

On motion of Treasurer John M. Dennis, the bid of F. B. Beasman & Company, dated June 6, 1917, for clearing Admiral Camp Site, with modifications to be prepared by the Attorney General and subject to termination at any time after two weeks from the beginning of the contract and upon condition that appropriate bond for \$..... be given for the proper performance of the contract, the State to bear the expense of Industrial Accident, was accepted, the contract to be prepared by the Attorney General with the approval of the Board.

The Board ordered paid from its Contingent Fund, the bill of A. W. Lockard, Secretary to the Governor, for \$4.80, same being in payment of the cost of the lunches of the Board and its guests.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

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Secretary to the Board.